



Life Soundtrack

Assignment: Write an essay that tells a story (describing you or an event) that uses a *song or lyrics.

Length: 1-1.5 pgs double spaced (TNR font)

Narrative: Uses the word "I." Tell a story.

Organization: Must have introductory paragraph, transitions, key ideas (3 minimum), and conclusion.

**Be creative when weaving the song/lyrics into your story.*

Example Essay:

Three Little Birds By Chris W.

"Don't worry about a thing, 'cause every little thing is gonna be all right." That pretty much sums up my philosophy on life. I always look forward to each and every day and the new opportunities that arise with them. Also, I tend to not get worked up over something that happens. These qualities define me as a person.

The song "Three Little Birds" by Bob Marley, is in my opinion a great song to describe my life. It is what my life is effectively based upon. Each and every day I start off thinking that it will be a good day. Even when I am feeling down about something or am sick, I always try think that today is going to be a good day. "Rise up this mornin'; smiled with the rising sun." To me, that also goes along with waking up each day with a positive attitude thinking that today is going to be a good day. Thinking that way always helps me to be calm and collected throughout the whole day, even when something comes up to try to ruin my day.

The message that the birds are saying is don't worry about anything. That is what I feel in about every situation imaginable. If someone gets sick or hurt or if some big problem arises, I never really worry about it that much. I always feel that I can do only what I am capable of doing, and nothing more, so if something goes wrong, I tried my best, therefore I can't have any regrets. If I try my best, every little thing, will turn out all right. I just have to control the things that I can. If I do that and hope for the best, it will usually turn out the best i could hope for. For example, if a big test is coming up, I just look over the information the test is over. I'll just go in and not worry about my grade. Usually, that turns out to be when I do best as well.

The three little birds that are telling me this are my dad, Cheryl, and all of my friends. My friends make up the third bird because I don't have just one friend that supports me, I have multiple. My birds always keep telling me if it isn't perfect, that's okay. As long as I gave it my best, that's all anyone can ask, so I shouldn't worry about it. "Every little thing is gonna be all right." I just keep moving on and don't worry about what has or may happen to me.

That is what I see in "Three Little Birds." I see the people closest to me telling me that no matter what happens, everything will be all right. I have them to love me and support me. That is all one person can truly ask for.